



Mountain Flyer

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Upcoming Activities

*June 16 WV CWID
Exercise—TBA*

*June 21-28 WV Wing
Cadet Summer En-
campment—Camp
Dawson, WV*

*July 19 Wing Wide
SAREX—Mercer
County Airport*

*July 26-August 2
Aerospace Education
Trip to Oshkosh, WI*

*August 6-9 CAP Na-
tional Conference—
Kissimmee, FL*



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West Virginia and Maryland hold joint SAREX

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The West Virginia and Maryland Wings of the Civil Air Patrol joined forces to conduct a multi service, multi disciplined search and rescue exercise (SAREX) from April 18-21 2008.

Approximately 200 members of both wings operated from Petersburg/Grant County Airport in Petersburg, W. Va. The exercise scenario involved response to a widespread natural disaster, which necessitated calling for assistance from an adjacent wing of Civil Air Patrol.

In this case, the Maryland Wing was called to assist the

West Virginia Wing. The SAREX flew 15 aircraft, fielded six integrated ground teams, with both members on each ground team, and staffed an Incident Command Post based on the model adopted in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Planning for this exercise began when the West Virginia Wing was invited to a Maryland Wing SAREX in September 2007. At that time the commanders of both wings discussed the concept of supporting each other in a natural disaster scenario by conducting joint search and rescue training.

Maryland Wing's ground team usually travel to mission locations by van, but when

long distances are involved, airlift can be requested. The Maryland Army National Guard provided seven UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters from the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade based at Weide Army Heliport, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. to transport the Maryland Wing ground team. The arrival scene was remarkable with the helicopters appearing to invade the area from behind the mountains of West Virginia, circling the airfield, then landing one behind the other, on the center line of the runway. After setting up camp and getting some rest overnight, the teams received their sortie assignments and tasks.

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A Maryland Wing Ground team uses a directional finder to locate an ELT on top of Spruce Knob, the highest mountain spot in West Virginia.

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The teams successfully conducted air and ground searches and located numerous targets including a simulated aircraft crash site, a practice emergency locator transmitter and an actual accident scene from a glider, which had crashed in the mountains last year.

The Maryland Army National Guard also used the CAP exercise as an opportunity to test their ability to communicate with other government agencies. "After 9-11 and Hurricane Katrina, interoperability was indentified as a critical area for all government agencies," said

Lt Col Charles Kohler, MDARNG Spokesman. In support of this, Col Schulze and 1st Lt Nick Kiaunis flew their OH-58 Kiowa helicopter over one of the simulated crash sites.

This sortie offered an opportunity to quickly switch from aeronautical to street and topographic maps while using NIMS-ICS plain speak on CAP VHF radio channels.

Col Rod Moore, WV Wing Commander served as an observer in the OH-58 and guided a ground team to the target and demonstrated air to ground coordination. "This was an out-

standing day for training," said Moore. "We had a good learning experience about how other wings operate. This was a clear example of outstanding cooperation between wings." Col Gerard Weiss, MD Wing Commander expressed his thanks to the WV Wing and all of the participants for a safe conclusion of the exercise. Afterwards, the participants were treated to a catered bbq, live entertainment, and even a football game between the two Wings. *More photos can be seen at www.wvwg.cap.gov under the Public Affairs/History link.*

Wing Color Guard places 4th in MER Cadet Competition

By Major Debbie Boggs
Wing Cadet Programs Officer

The West Virginia Wing Color Guard from Clarksburg Composite Squadron represented the WV Wing well last month at Civil Air Patrol's Middle East Region Cadet Competition at Fort Pickett, Va.

Overall, the wing placed fourth in the Color Guard Competition.

Also, Cadet Jena Householder was awarded the female fleet foot award for the female first place mile run, and the color guard place first in the panel quiz event.

Representing the color guard were: Joshua Bosely, commander; Daniel Dawson, junior flag; Jena Householder, guard; and Sarah Loudon, guard.

Senior escorts were: Randy G. Landes, director of cadet programs at Clarksburg Composite Squadron; Kathleen Dawson, assistant to director of cadet programs at Wing Headquarters; Louisa Householder and Jolene Dawson both of Clarksburg Composite Squadron.

Mid Valley Squadron cadet earns scholarship

Cadet Justin Fletcher of the Mid Valley Composite Squadron was one of only 15 high school seniors from across the country to receive a \$5,000 college scholarship in recognition of his outstanding work to protect civil liberties, especially young people.

Cadet Fletcher took a stand for

free speech in the small town of Nitro, W.Va., after his school board responded to complaints of a few parents requesting removal of two books from the school's curriculum.

Justin organized and co-founded the "Student Coalition Against Censorship" with students from a neighboring high school. He

took the lead in the student organization efforts, prepared talking points about censorship for the school board's consideration. Justin and his fellow students were persuasive enough to convince the board to repeal the book ban.

Fletcher has been a member of CAP since 2006.

"I set out to defend the rights of students along with the help of my peers the ban has been repealed. I truly feel if not for our actions, these books would not be in our curriculum and the rights of students would be further eroded." — Justin Fletcher

Wing carries out CAP Legislative Day at Capitol

By Major Jeffery Schrock
[Wing Public Affairs Officer](#)

Members of the West Virginia Wing held a Civil Air Patrol Legislative Day at the state Capitol in Charleston, W.Va., on Jan 29 taking the opportunity to inform and educate state government officials on what the organization does every day for the state and nation.

At \$215,296 for 2006-2007, the Wing ranks third in the nation in state appropriation funding.

In all, 23 participants walked the Capitol grounds, talking throughout the day with important leaders in government and thanking them for their continued support of the Wing and CAP.

Units participating were the Charleston Cadet, Beckley Composite and Parkersburg Composite Squadrons, along with Wing staff. The first stop was a meeting with Governor Joe Manchin III.

During a photo session, Manchin thanked the cadets and senior officers for their service and dedication.

From there, the group sat in and watched a floor session of the state Senate, and afterwards gathered for photographs with Senate President and Lt. Governor Earl Ray Tomblin.

The members also met with Delegate Jeff Tansil of Taylor County who is a member of the Clarksburg Composite Sqdn.



[Governor Joe Manchin III and members of the Civil Air Patrol-West Virginia Wing](#)

U.S. Air Force observes Wing's effectiveness

By Major Jeffery Schrock
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The West Virginia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol held a Wing wide observed training event from May 2-4 with the principle activity beginning on May 3. The exercise scenario was provided by members of Detachment Two CAP-USAF. The

purpose of this exercise was to conduct training that improves the operational readiness of the West Virginia Wing to conduct large scale missions safely. This will include coordination of air assets, ground assests, communications, and logistics. Aircrews and ground teams were asked to perform pre-

scribed search patterns, directional finding searches (DF), air /ground communication, Homeland Security and Satellite Digital Imagery System (SDIS) or other photography sorties. Approximately 65 CAP personnel participated in this exercise. *Pictures of the event can be found on page 4*

Observed SAREX May 3, 2008



A general briefing is held for everyone before the SAREX begins



Major Debbie Boggs gives a ground team a briefing of tasks needed to complete during the observed SAREX held May 3rd.

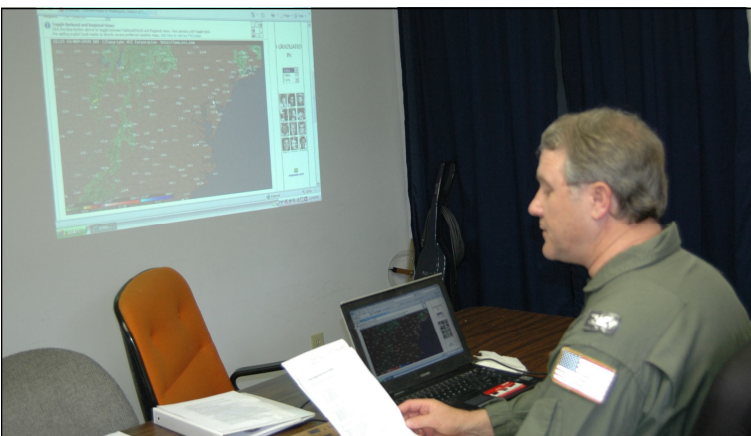
[Photos taken by Lt Becky Jones](#)



Capt Carol Martin and Col Virgil Martin of Boone Composite Squadron go over last minute instructions with a ground team.



A reporter from WBOY-TV 12, the local NBC affiliate from Clarksburg, WV interviews one of the evaluators.



Wing Commander Col Rod Moore checks on the weather during the observed SAREX. Pictured right, an aircrew member does a preflight check.



Moss earns award and appointment at U.S. Military Academy

National Civil Air Patrol Headquarters has determined another West Virginia Wing cadet has successfully completed all the requirements for the prestigious General Carl A. Spaatz Award. It is the highest cadet achievement award earned in CAP. Cadet Joseph P. Moss, of the Morgantown Composite Squadron completed phases and

achievements of the cadet program and was promoted to Cadet Colonel.

Less than one percent of all CAP cadets are able to earn this award. Moss also received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for next year. He will report to the academy this summer to begin training to become an Army officer.



C/Colonel Joseph Moss shakes hands with his flight instructor John Marinano after an orientation flight.

Garland earns Mitchell Award



C/Lt Garland

**By Lt Sarah Mullenax
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Cadet 2Lt Bryant Garland has earned Civil Air Patrol's Mitchell Award for his achievements with the Morgantown Composite Squadron. Garland had to complete the first eight achievements of CAP's cadet program. These achievements involve study and performance in five

separate program areas. Since Garland has surpassed this milestone, he has earned increased responsibility and is eligible for national and international special activities, and opportunities for both flight and academic scholarships. Garland has been active with the squadron for over four years. "CAP has given me the opportunity to strive to be the best I could be," Garland said. "

By not compromising your own morals and what is important to you, any cadet can learn to be successful." Garland is from Point Marion, Pa. and plans to attend Embry-Riddle University, enroll in the school's Air Force ROTC program, and become an Air Force fighter pilot.

Civil Air Patrol celebrates 60th anniversary on May 26

Presenting this proclamation on the twenty-sixth of May, two-thousand and eight, marking the 60th anniversary of the signing of Public Law 557, which made CAP the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force.

WHEREAS, during World War II, volunteer aviators of CAP's Coastal Patrol distinguished themselves valiantly, flying more than 24 million miles during 86,000 over-water missions — a total of 244,600 flight hours — to help win the battle against U-boats that were preying on coastal shipping; and

WHEREAS, CAP volunteers spotted 173 subs, attacked 57, hit 10 and sank two; called in aid for 91 ships in distress; saved 363 survivors of sub attacks; discovered 17 floating mines; and flew 5,684 special convoy missions; and WHEREAS, inspired by the highest sense of patriotism and pride in their mission, fifty-nine members of these courageous aircrews died, 26 were lost at sea and seven others were seriously injured; and WHEREAS, today CAP continues this tradition of service before self as one of the most

unique volunteer organizations in America, consisting of everyday heroes — from pilots, teachers and youth mentors to technology experts, communicators, chaplains and more; and WHEREAS, whether performing search and rescue missions or helping communities recover from floods, wildfires, tornadoes, or hurricanes, CAP members are there to aid their nation; and WHEREAS, coming full circle from its beginnings in World War II, Civil Air Patrol is again performing homeland security missions, assisting the Air Force

Force in ensuring the skies above our nation are safe by flying target-intercept training missions for U.S. military pilots; and WHEREAS, with 550 aircraft and thousands of trained aircrew members, CAP is a tremendous force multiplier for the Air Force and other federal, state, and local agencies; and WHEREAS, CAP also provides exceptional growth opportunities to 22,000

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cadets and thousands of other youth in classrooms across America by conveying important aerospace concepts while increasing students' physical fitness and teaching the value of a drug-free lifestyle; and WHEREAS, CAP's Missions for America impact the lives of thousands of Americans each year and CAP is credited with saving an average of 80 lives annually and assisting our nation's law enforcement agencies with taking millions of dollars in drugs off our nation's streets: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT on this day,

the twenty-sixth of May, two-thousand and eight, the United States Air Force commends and extends its greatest appreciation to the Civil Air Patrol on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary of CAP becoming our United States Air Force Auxiliary.



Middle East Region Conference 2008



RICHMOND VA— Several members of the West Virginia Wing, and one squadron were recognized for their outstanding achievements during Civil Air Patrol's Middle East Region Conference. Pictured are Col Rod Moore, Wing Commander; Lt Col Robert Mills, Martinsburg Squadron Commander—MER Squadron of Distinction 2008; Major Debbie Boggs—MER Cadet Programs Officer of the Year; Capt Brian Shatzer—MER Safety Officer of the Year; and Lt Mark Shatzer—MER Drug Demand Officer of the Year.

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